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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your 23 December letter regarding intelligence provided to US forces for the Grenada operation. At my direction, the Joint Staff has been taking a careful look at lessons to be learned from the Grenada operation, including those in the field of intelligence. Comments and recommendations from the commanders involved in the operation are being evaluated to derive those lessons.

Concerning Graves' message on intelligence lessons learned, I agree with both you and him. You and I are looking at the issue from the national decision making level. Graves is representing the view of the paratroopers who had to jump in and do the job. You and I knew enough to do our job. The guys going in didn't have all that they'd like to have to do theirs. Given more time, I'm sure we would have developed it for them, but time was not available. I agree with you that the operation was a success, but it wasn't perfect in any facet and we need to exploit the lessons.

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Thanks to your strong support, intelligence support to military operations is improving markedly. I know that, working together, we will continue to go forward.

Sincerely,

JCS review completed.

Jack
JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.
Chairman
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